

Senate Bill 355

By: Senators Thompson of the 33rd and Bowen of the 13th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 50-18-72 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 when public disclosure shall not be required under Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50, so as
3 to exempt autopsy photographs and post-mortem examination and autopsy reports from such
4 disclosure; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 50-18-72 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to when public
8 disclosure shall not be required under Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50, is amended by
9 inserting a new paragraph (2.1) immediately following paragraph (2) in subsection (a) to read
10 as follows:

11 "(2.1) Autopsy photographs and post-mortem examination or autopsy reports; provided,
12 however, that this paragraph shall have no application to the disclosure of such
13 photographs or reports to a court, prosecutor, or publicly employed law enforcement
14 officer, or authorized agent thereof, seeking records in an official capacity; medical
15 facilities, including hospitals, surgical centers, and doctors' offices; physicians; defense
16 attorneys who have secured a written release from the deceased's next of kin; or the next
17 of kin;"

18 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

19 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.